

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 501

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Webb School of Knoxville Spartans on winning the 2013 TSSAA Division II-A State Football Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Webb School of Knoxville Spartans achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2013 season, winning the coveted Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II-A State Football Championship, the State's highest level of high school football competition; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the mighty Spartans exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, amassing an 11-2 regular season record, the team readily bested all contenders they faced during an incredible playoff season that culminated with an impressive two touchdown win over St. George's (28 – 14) in the BlueCross Bowl on December 5, 2013, in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, the Spartans have amassed a collection of State Championships, having won four out of the past five TSSAA State Championships and now with this recent addition to their collection of triumphs exhibits the positive effect of the leadership of Coach David Meske and the talent of his players who he hones into excellent teammates and students; and

WHEREAS, fostering the talents and finely tuning the skills of all his players, Head Coach David Meske was ably assisted throughout the season by a superb selection of young talent, including Todd Kelly Jr., the BlueCross Bowl Offensive MVP, Mr. Football, Army All-

-American, and Gatorade State Player of the Year, and Matthew Melton, defensive MVP of the BlueCross Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the football players of Webb School of Knoxville epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the field while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united the entire community during their triumphal run through the 2013 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Spartans of Webb School of Knoxville for winning the 2013 TSSAA Division II-A State Football Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING: that we hereby honor and congratulate the players, coaching staff, and fans of the Webb School of Knoxville Spartans football team on a remarkable season and their State Championship victory. In becoming TSSAA Division II-A State Football Champions, the Spartans have proven themselves to be exemplary and capable young men who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.